necessity for reconstruction of 67 bridges, •pecial repairs to 37 bridges and minor repairs to 117 bridges.

(b) A sum of Rs. 3853. 28 lakhs was spent during 1986-87 on development, improvement and repair of National Highways in the State.

(c) The following amount has been earmarked for allotment to Uttar Pradesh for development, maintenance and repair of National Highways during 1987-88:

(Rs. in lakhs) (i)

Development Works 2750 00 (ii)

Maintenance and

Repairs... 825-41 . upto October, 1987

Indian Airlines flights to U. S. S. R.

1225. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines has obtained rights to operate its flights to Soviet Union;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) by what time these flights will start operating; and

(d) what will be the frequency, of such flights ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) In the recent negotiations held from 12th to 16th October, 1987, the Soviet delegation have agreed to our request for the operation of 2nd carrier to U. S. S. R. Operation by Indian Airlines will depend on market conditions.

Freighter aircraft on lease from USSR

1226. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is using the Russian I. L. 76 aircraft as a freighter received on lease from Aeroflot:

(b) if so, the period of lease and terms and conditions to the lease; and

(c) the purpose for which the aircraft is being used and capacity of the aircraft ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present period of the lease is for one year from 1st May, 1987 to 30th April, 1988 which could be extended for any period mutually acceptable to both the parties. The terms and conditions of the lease in brief are as follows: —

(i) Guaranteed capacity 20 tonnes;

(ii) Lease payment to be made in Indian Rupees through interline billing;

(iii) Aeroflot will provide aircraft with crew;

(iv) Price payable is as follows: —

(1) Indian rupees 2, 90, 820 per flight for operations on Sector Delhi/Tashkent/Moscow/Zurich and Delhi/ Tashkent/Moscow/Biussels.

(2) Indian rupees 3, 54, 080 per flight, for operations on sectors Brussels/ Budapest/ Moscow/ Tashkent/Bombay/Delhi and Zurich/Budapest/ Moscow/Tashkent/Bombay/Delhi.

(3) Indian rupees 2, 50, 000 per flight for operations on sector Delhi/Moscow.

(c) This aircraft is used by Air India to operate scheduled freighter flights par ticularly for carrying odd sized heavy cargo consignments.

Construction of Base Kitchen at New Jalpaiguri and Guwahati

1227. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Base Kitchen is being constructed at New Jalpaiguri and Guwahati in N. F. Railway;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that no Departmental dining/pantry car of N. F. Railway exists at present; and

(d) if so, what is the utility of cons- ' trading a Base Kitchen there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The Bast* Kitchen has been constructed at New